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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
301 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
231 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Brady and Thompson:

We commend you for taking a comprehensive look at improving our nation's tax code. As a business directly involved in the American wind industry, the Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Investment Tax Credit (ITC) have allowed EDP Renewables to invest substantially in the US economy. Specifically, these business incentives have been critical in enabling our company's growth from a small start-up company in the late 1990s to the third largest renewable energy company in North America. We now employ nearly 300 people in 25 locations across the country, and have invested over \$7 billion to build wind farms in 11 states.

As you look at ways to make the tax code work better for American businesses, I urge you to extend the PTC and ITC so my company and others can make forward-looking business decisions and sound investments over the next several years. Certainty and predictability in the tax code will allow us to make investments that will continue to drive down the cost of wind energy and expand US wind manufacturing and the jobs that come with it. As we build more wind projects, we are increasing the use of domestic energy, diversifying our energy portfolio and strengthening our energy security. We are also fostering economic development and providing high-tech 21<sup>st</sup>-century jobs to Americans across the country.

As your Committee investigates supporting energy investment through the US tax code we urge you to take a comprehensive view of all energy technologies and work with the wind industry to assure wind generation continues its significant role in the US energy mix.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Alsonso, CEO